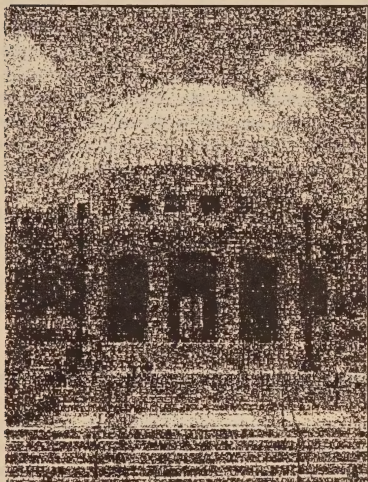


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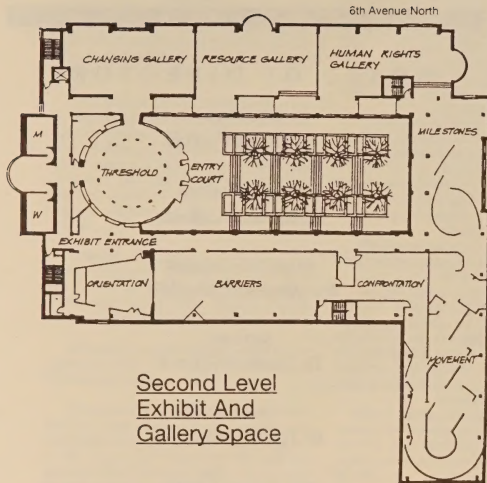
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Events in Birmingham, Alabama during the 1960s stirred the conscience of the nation and influenced the course of civil and human rights around the world. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute captures the spirit and drama of the countless individuals--some well known, most unsung--who dared to confront racial discrimination and bigotry. Dedicated on November 15, 1992, the Institute is a community's commitment to the courageous souls who walked to freedom. It is also a testament to building bridges of understanding among all people.

The exhibitory program is literally a movement through the history of African-American life and the struggle for civil rights and human rights worldwide. Visitors experience for themselves the drama of this courageous story as it is reenacted in the permanent displays.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is a "living institution" which views the lessons of the past as a positive way to chart new directions for the future. Its programs and services are designed to promote research, provide information and encourage discussion on human rights issues locally, nationally and internationally. Vital components of the Institute include:

- *The Archives Department* which serves as a national resource for educators and researchers. One major mission is to collect and preserve civil rights documents and artifacts.
- *The Oral History Project* which is documenting Birmingham's role in the Civil Rights Movement through those most qualified to tell the story, the participants.
- *The Education Department* which produces programs directed to both schools and public audiences, as well as curriculum guides, workshops, lectures, a speakers bureau, walking tours and special exhibits.
- *Changing Exhibits*, which appeal to all audiences, such as *Southern Roots*, *Black Achievers In Science*, *Lest We Forget* and *Anne Frank In The World*.



The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's permanent exhibits are a self-directed journey through the civil rights movement and human rights struggles of today. The chronological exhibit includes the:

- **INTRODUCTORY THEATRE** -- A twelve minute film which introduces the history of Birmingham from its founding through the 1920s.
- **BARRIERS GALLERY** -- Fourteen venues convey the quality of life under segregation from about 1920 to 1954. Special features include replicas of a mine entrance, segregated streetcar, newspaper office, "shotgun" house, classroom, courtroom and church. A video jukebox highlights musicians of the era.
- **CONFRONTATION GALLERY** -- Three venues depict the climate of violence and intimidation that reinforced segregation.
- **MOVEMENT GALLERY** -- Sixteen venues progress through the history of the Movement from 1955 to 1963 with the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights highlighted. Dramatic media presentations are made in four mini-theatres:

"Bus Ride To Freedom" mini-theatre includes a burned out bus and a large screen video program.

"Give Us The Vote" mini-theatre includes a three-dimensional tableau of would-be voters and a video wall with twelve monitors which recount the history of the struggle to vote.

"Birmingham: The World Is Watching" chronicles events in Birmingham in 1963 with the actual door from the jail cell where Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote "Letter From A Birmingham Jail," a "water wall" with water cascading in front of images from the demonstrations, a mock prison log, and video screens airing news footage.

"The March" spotlights the March on Washington with large screen projection and audio programs.

- **PROCESSIONAL GALLERY** -- Life-size figures "walk to freedom" in this exhibit with a window view of newly redesigned Kelly Ingram Park, site of the demonstrations.
- **MILESTONES** -- Three-dimensional iron pedestals mark local and national achievements on the road to racial justice.
- **THE CHURCH** -- A large window overlooks 16th Street Baptist Church with photos and copy describing the 1963 bombing.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS GALLERY** -- This permanent exhibit includes interactive video and computer programs which give the international scope of the movement for human rights.
- **RESOURCE GALLERY** -- Future home of an extensive resource center for teachers, students and others seeking information on civil and human rights.
- **CHANGING GALLERY** -- Temporary home of touring exhibits and informative displays developed by the Institute.

giftstore

As part of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's offering, there is merchandise to complement the Civil Rights Movement and Human Rights Exhibits. Books and historical documents, among other items, give patrons tangible evidence of the learning experience which takes place throughout the galleries. Continue your quest for knowledge of the Civil Rights Movement and beyond by visiting the BCRI Gift Store. Items available include posters, calendars, literature, cards, keepsakes . . . plus much more.

institute hours **exhibits**

Tuesday through Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm

administration

Monday through Friday

10am - 5:30pm

gift store hours

Tuesday through Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Admission Fees

ADULTS	\$3.00
SENIORS (65 & OVER)	\$2.00
COLLEGE STUDENTS (WITH STUDENT ID) ..	\$1.00
CHILDREN (17 & UNDER)	FREE

photographs/video taping

Photographing and video taping any of the exhibition
is not permitted.

information

For information on the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
and programming, please call (205) 328 - 9696.

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Preamble

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, Therefore, The General Assembly proclaims This Universal Declaration of Human Rights

as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the

country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11

(1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

(2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

Article 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.

(2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14

(1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

(2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15

(1) Everyone has the right to a nationality.

(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied

the right to change his nationality.

Article 16

(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

Article 17

(1) Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 18

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 19

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 20

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

(2) No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

Article 21

(1) Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

(2) Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.

(3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

Article 22

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 23

(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

(2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.

(3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

(4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Article 24

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation

of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

Article 25

(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

Article 26

(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

(2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

(3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

Article 27

(1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

(2) Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

Article 28

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

Article 29

(1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.

(2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.

(3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 30

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

Adopted by the
United Nations General Assembly
December 10, 1948.



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Slaves No More!

Dramatic Readings From
Interviews With Ex-Slaves



featuring

Dr. Tommie Stewart

and the

Alabama State University Theater Performers and Community Artists

along with historians

Dr. Richard Bailey

Dr. Horace Huntley

and moderated by

Ms. Odessa Woolfolk

The slave narratives are from interviews with ex-slaves collected in the 1930s by the Federal Writer's Project. In addition to the readings, there will be a discussion of the significance of the historical document led by Alabama scholars Dr. Richard Bailey and Dr. Horace Huntley. Ms. Odessa Woolfolk, BCRI Board President, will participate and serve as moderator of the questions and answer portion of the program.

Sunday

June 22, 1997

4:00 PM

**Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
Community Meeting Room**

520 Sixteenth Street North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

This program is sponsored in collaboration with the Institute of Language and Culture based in Clanton, Alabama. For additional information on public programs, contact the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Education Department at (205) 328-9696.

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Summer 1997 Program Schedule

Juneteenth Celebration

The Second Annual event for the Institute. Juneteenth celebrates the official end of slavery in the South. We will have singing, dancing and good food.

Saturday, June 7, 1997

10 AM - 4 PM

History Explorers Summer Camp

A summer camp focusing on the history of the Civil Rights Movement. An ideal program for students in the sixth through eighth grades.

June 9 - 20, 1997

8 AM - 12 PM

Jazz Notes

Musical entertainment the first Friday of each month. The perfect way to unwind after a busy day. The music begins at 5 PM and ends at 8 PM.

May 2, 1997 featuring the Frank Davis Combo

June 6, 1997 featuring L-MO

Children's Corner

Storytelling and other entertainment for children of all ages (especially three to ten years old).

Every Thursday at 10 AM

Family Hour

Join us for the very best in magic, puppetry and storytelling. This special hour of entertainment is designed for the entire family.

Fourth Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM

May 24 with Malika Yamini

June 28 with Dr. Thelma Nance

July 26 with Mary Wright

August 23 with Ahmed The Griot

Living History

The BCRI galleries will come to life as local actors reenact periods from the Civil Rights Movement. They can be seen on the following Saturdays throughout the summer from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

June 7, 1997

June 21, 1997

July 5, 1997

July 19, 1997

August 2, 1997

August 16, 1997

Teen Time

*Special entertainment for teenagers including movies,
storytelling and lectures.*

Every Wednesday at 10 AM

June 25 - August 6, 1997

Birmingham Heritage Festival

August 1-3, 1997

Special Exhibitions

*Temporary exhibitions featuring artists from Alabama and across
the United States. Other special exhibitions will come from the
Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Services and Exhibits USA.*

Climbing Jacob's Ladder : The Rise Of Black Churches In Eastern American Cities

*This exhibition chronicles the rise of black churches from the First Great Awakening
in 1740 to the end of the Reconstruction Era in 1877. The ongoing quest by African
American Christians for control over their religious and communal lives is the subject of the
display.*

(May 18, 1997 - June 29, 1997)

Blues In The Schools : A Student Exhibition

*A small exhibition from the Birmingham City Schools where students have participated in a
program that teaches the history and culture of the blues genre.*

(May 25, 1997 - June 29, 1997)

The Struggle For Freedom : The Birmingham and Szekesfehervar Connection

*The American response to the Civil Rights Movement at home and the struggle for freedom
in Hungary provide a challenging opportunity for students to examine how society arrives at
a definition of fundamental human and civil rights. This exhibition is a visual interpretation
by students of the Civil Rights/Hungarian Movements.*

(July 27, 1997 - September 7, 1997)

VanDerZee, Photographer (1886-1983)

*The first major retrospective of the work of photographer James VanDerZee, known for his
vivid interpretations of middle-and upper-class African-Americans in the first half of this
century.*

(August 3, 1997 - September 14, 1997)

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